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SUBJECT: Draft Agenda UNEA 5.2 Preparatory Workshop

Dear Members,

The Secretariat is pleased to confirm that a virtual consultation workshop will be held for SPREP Member States as noted in our earlier Circular 21/155 regarding the resumed session of UNEA5 (UNEA5.2) that will take place in Nairobi, Kenya and online, on 28 February to 2 March 2022, as follows:

**Wednesday 2 February 2022
1:00pm – 3:30pm, Samoa time.**

The objective of the preparatory workshop is to provide information that will assist SPREP Member States in their preparatory efforts for UNEA5.2. The Secretariat and UNEP will be sharing updates on resolutions and decisions relevant to the Pacific region. We anticipate and welcome the technical assistance from some SPREP Members States to support the Pacific region in the UNEA5.2 preparatory workshop.

Looking ahead to the resumed session of UNEA.5, the UNEA President has re-initiated the consultations process on a ministerial declaration. In his letter dated 6 October 2021, the President presented an updated version of the zero draft declaration that considers what has already been achieved during previous consultations. The letter also proposes a consultation timeline before final consideration and adoption of the draft at the upcoming UNEA5.2.

Immediately after UNEA5.2, the Assembly will hold a Special Session of the Assembly on 3 to 4 March 2022, which is devoted to the commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the creation of UN Environment Programme in 1972 (UNEP@50).

UNEA5.2 side events will focus on the overall theme of the fifth session of the Environment Assembly, “*Strengthening actions for nature to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals*”, and the commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the United Nations Environment Programme, which is the theme of the special session. Kindly note that the call for proposals has been closed and applications are currently under consideration.

Tentative UNEA5.2 Preparatory Workshop Draft Agenda

Agenda Item	Lead
Opening Remarks	Mr Kosi Latu, DG, SPREP
Opening Address – UNEA & UNEP@50	Dr Dechen Tsering, ROAP RD
Overview of UNEA	Mr Subrata Sinha, UNEP ROAP
Overview of Draft Resolutions on Marine Litter	Ms Kakuko Yoshida, UNEP
Pacific Regional Consultations	
Cluster 1: Marine / plastic pollution	Anthony Talouli and Karen Baird, SPREP
Cluster 2: Nature-Based Solutions and biodiversity	Sione Fulivai, Nicolas Rocle, Karen Baird, SPREP
Cluster 3: Chemicals and minerals	Joshua Sam, SPREP
Cluster 4: Green recovery and circular economy	Peter Davis, Melanie King, SPREP
Cluster 5: Organizational and administrative matters	Sefanaia Nawadra, UNEP
Closing Remarks	Sefanaia Nawadra, UNEP

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Have a blessed Christmas and a prosperous New Year 2022.

Yours sincerely,



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